

E-mail Messages, Spring 2011

Message 3

Hello!

Today, I have attached some general comments about the class that I used to have instructors communicate to students the first day. However, since there are so many announcements plus a lesson on the first day, I decided to send the comments to you electronically instead. Please take the time to read this document and save.

Today I attached the assignment list. The assignment list, along with the ground rules and class schedule, is also found on the course web page (www.math.purdue.edu/MA15200 for the day classes and www.math.purdue.edu/MA15200X for the Tuesday evening class).

Most of your homework will be completed online using CourseCompass through MyMathLab of Pearson Education. Do not try to register or enroll in a class on CourseCompass on your own. Every class (except the Tuesday night class) will meet the second day of classes in a computer lab (rather than the regular classroom) and you will receive help to register and /or enroll. There will be PowerPoint presentations on the course web page to help those unable to register and/or enroll in the class that day and to show students some of the features of CourseCompass. The location of the computer lab will be announced the first day of class or you can ask me the location, if you miss the first day. **Do not forget to bring your MyMathLab Student Access Kit with you that day at the computer lab.** The Tuesday night class will receive directions about registering for the online homework at the first class meeting. Even if you do not have your textbook/MyMathLab student access kit that day, please attend. In an emergency, I can provide temporary access to the online homework for a student.

CourseCompass not only is a location for you to do your homework. You can also view textbook pages, see your homework grades and average, practice some exams, review using the study plan, view videos of some lessons, print out homework problems (if you want), email your instructor, and review homework problems. (Note: We do not use BlackBoard and CourseCompass is not connected with BlackBoard.)

The unbolded problems on the assignment list are done online. However, the problems will be numbered differently online than they are numbered in the textbook. The **bolded problems** are done by students using paper and pencil. These problems will not usually be collected, but students are responsible for completing them.

There will be a few worksheets later in the semester that students will have to complete for homework. These worksheets may be collected by your instructor and counted as part or all of a quiz grade.

If you did not receive message 1 or 2, they are found on the course web page.